RISK FRAMEWORK: SUPERFUND PROGRAM

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SEDIMENT REMEDIES

- Monitored Natural Recovery
- In-situ Capping
- In-situ Treatment
- Dredging and...
 - Treatment
 - Upland disposal
 - Confined aquatic disposal

CHALLENGES

SOURCE CONTROL
WIDESPREAD CONTAMINATION
DYNAMIC ENVIRONMENT
MIXED USES
ECOLOGICALLY IMPORTANT AREAS
PROPERTY OWNERSHIP
OPERATING PORTS, NAVAL FACILITIES



SUPERFUND FRAMEWORK

- Conceptual Site Model
- Remedial Action Objectives
- Risk Assessment
- Nine Criteria Evaluation
- Remedy Selection/Implementation
- Long Term Monitoring
- Five Year Reviews

Conceptual Site Model

• What are the contaminants of concern?

• What are the receptors and pathways of concern?

Remedial Action Objectives

Identify early

• Use to focus data needs for risk assessment and alternatives analysis

• Acknowledge different RAOs for different parts of the site

Revisit throughout process

RISK ASSESSMENT

- Human health
- Ecological
- "Classic Risk Assessment"
 - contaminants of concern
 - pathways
 - receptors
 - effects
- Unique parameters



WEIGH OPTIONS: THE NINE CRITERIA

- OVERALL PROTECTIVENESS
- COMPLIANCE WITH ARARS
- IMPLEMENTABILITY
- LONG -TERM EFFECTIVENESS/ PERMANENCE
- SHORT- TERM EFFECTIVENESS
- REDUCTION OF TOXICITY, MOBILITY OR VOLUME THROUGH TREATMENT
- COST EFFECTIVENESS
- STATE ACCEPTANCE
- COMMUNITY ACCEPTANCE

REMEDY SELECTION AND IMPLEMENTATION

- No presumptive remedies
- Combinations of remedies likely
- Treatment best for highly concentrated, highly mobile waste
- Confinement best for widespread, low levels of contamination
- Treatment technologies being tested
 - few ready for full scale implementation
 - most promising for large scale, production facilities

FINAL PART OF FRAMEWORK... ABSOLUTELY CRITICAL

• Long - term monitoring

• Five - year reviews

SEDIMENT CLEANUP IN REGION 10

- COMMENCEMENT BAY,WA
 - ST. PAUL WATERWAY
 - SITCUM WATERWAY
- EAGLE HARBOR, WA
- MANCHESTER LAB, WA
- WARD COVE, AK
- PUGET SOUND NAVAL SHIPYARD, WA

- COMMENCEMENT BAY, WA
 - HYLEBOS WATERWAY
 - THEA FOSS WATERWAY
 - MIDDLE WATERWAY
 - ASARCO
- HARBOR ISLAND, WA
 - 2 SHIPYARDS
 - EAST & WEST WATERWAY
- PACIFIC SOUND RESOURCES, WA
- McCORMICK AND BAXTER, OR
- •LOWER DUWAMISH WATERWAY,WA
- •PORTLAND HARBOR, OR
- •COEUR D'LENE RIVER BASIN

EFFECTIVE APPROACHES

• Involve interested parties early - communities, states, tribes, trustees

Scope RI/FS to collect adequate data

Review alternatives early

 Coordinate with upcoming navigational dredging and development projects



EFFECTIVE APPROACHES

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• Seek habitat enhancement and restoration opportunities concurrent with cleanup

Set clear remedial action objectives

• Define long term monitoring to meet objectives